

## House Resolution No. 948

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who bring glory and honor to themselves and to this great state through their bravery when facing danger; and

**Whereas**, Mike Peterie of Laredo, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as an employee of Modine, as a volunteer fireman, and as someone who always seems to be at the right place at the right time; and

**Whereas**, on Friday, February 22, 2008, Mike Peterie enhanced his already impressive record of achievement when he rescued Macy Carpenter, who was sleeping in an upstairs bedroom and unaware that her house was burning; and

**Whereas**, Mike Peterie was returning home from work when he noticed smoke coming from a structure that he knew to be inhabited; and not seeing any tracks leaving the house on the snow-covered ground, Mike Peterie believed that the home might still be occupied even as the flames grew more intense; and

**Whereas**, after two unsuccessful attempts to locate anyone inside the house, Mike Peterie went to a neighbor's house for assistance and then entered the burning structure a third time, which is when he heard a noise coming from upstairs; and

**Whereas**, after rousing the girl from her slumber, Mike Peterie led her out of the home, which was subsequently destroyed by the fire along with nearly all of its contents; and

**Whereas**, without the astute decisions of Mike Peterie and his willingness to endanger his own life in order to save the life of a neighbor, young Macy Carpenter may very likely have perished in the fire while her parents, Josh and Brenda Carpenter, were at work; and

**Whereas**, Mike Peterie is the son of Eldon and Betty Peterie and the sibling of Lora Jackson and Kerry Peterie, who penned the poem "The Devil's In Town" in honor of his brother's heroism:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the successful lifesaving efforts engaged in by Mike Peterie on February 22, 2008, and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt admiration for his willingness to risk his life in order to save another; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Mike Peterie of Laredo, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jim Whorton  
District No. 3

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 948, adopted March 6, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker